

IS THERE TOO MUCH ROUGH PLAY?

Discussion in Britain.
THE SPORTING SPIRIT.

(By Kenneth Campbell, Stoke, and Scottish International Goalkeeper).

Every season the question standing at the head of this article is debated by the Press and the public, whenever an incident of rough play is reported to the governing bodies of our principal winter sport.

It is generally put in the form of the direct question; but occasionally one hears more emphatic statements made, and perhaps an indignant personage will lay down the law in angry tones by saying something of this kind:—"There is no doubt of it. And the Football Association ought to put the thing down at once by punishing every player severely who is reported to them for rough play."

Of course, it is easy to say things like this, for no man specially commits himself by a remark of that type. But what concerns us far more here is the question as to whether rough play is really on the increase or not; though we may also profitably discuss the matter as to whether, when it does happen, the offenders are treated as they should be.

Now, for my part, let me say at once that I am certain there is not nearly so much absolutely rough play in Soccer as there used to be.

I can remember in years gone by match after match where one might certainly have complained with truth that the play verged on the rough side from start to finish. And in very few games of importance did it happen that there was not once or twice a suspicion of some player acting unfairly in one way or another.

But look at this matter as we know it in present-day matches. It is impossible for me even to venture a guess at the enormous number of Soccer games played all over our island week after week between September and May. But if we take the three principal Leagues alone for this purpose, we may set down about eighty games as the weekly fare provided for Soccer crowds.

An Amazing Fact.
And yet, should I be far wrong if I were to say that there were not twenty complaints (about rough play) made to the governing bodies of those Leagues during the whole season, arising from the 2600 or so matches thus carried out? I think I should be right in stating that.

This is an amazing fact, a very startling result, and to my mind a magnificent testimony as to the splendid work, and the very thorough spirit of sportsmanship displayed by all the hundreds of hundreds of amateurs and professionals engaged with the famous teams which make up these three great Leagues. I feel quite sure that such a result will challenge comparison with that of any other sport which is as popular, as widely played, and as exciting as Association football.

You will have gathered, therefore, even by now that my answer to the question which forms the title of this article is "NO." But I will acknowledge right away that what I have said better answers the query of "Is there a great deal of rough play?" than the one originally proposed.

It is quite true that we may have no very large amount of rough play, and yet, however small it may be in total, we may still have more than we like to see, or more than ought to be. You are, therefore, quite entitled to ask me to go a little further, and to set down precisely a few remarks rather more strictly confined to our first question.

In that case I would reply, "There is too much rough play simply because the ideal would be that there should not be any at all." But we are all human; and human beings will always vary in temper, in character, in judgment, and in action.

Whilst this remains so—which will be as long as the world lasts—we shall always find some player in every sport under the sun, and in every country in the world, ready to take an unfair advantage of his opponent; eager to snap up any chance of a win for his side or himself—by using his strength, his brains, his bodily powers in what we may term a rough and debasing fashion.

Football lends itself particularly well to those kinds of unfair advantage or improper tactics which are the outcome of

bodily strength misapplied. You can often make a point, or gain your end, by charging an opponent in a way which the rules do not allow, by tripping him when there is no necessity for anything of the kind, by administering a half-concealed kick or blow which lays him out, or incapacitates him for the rest of the match.

Question of Penalties.

With respect to the penalties placed on those who offend—punishments of the ground, of the player, of the clubs—by the governing bodies, I fully endorse and support them. In my opinion, once a player or club has been clearly proved guilty of absolutely rough play, purposely done, no punishment can be too severe, not only in order to deter him or the club from similar wrong-doing in future, but also to act as an example to anybody else who might be tempted to err in the same fashion.

Notice that I said just now, "purposely done." But I am convinced that there is very little rough play indeed "purposely done." When it does occur, it is the outcome in most cases, of the excitement and thrill of the moment, and usually nobody regrets the lapse more than the offender himself. I have known men come very close to tears in their regret when they found that they had treated an opponent wrongfully in the excitement and agitation of a very thrilling minute.

Whilst ever there is one piece of rough play during the whole winter, that will be "too much." But, on the whole, I think we can fairly answer our first question by saying "NO."

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PERSONAL.

Congratulations to F. Ramsay on securing his place in the Australian side. He has made a more marked improvement in his play this season than possibly any other player.

J. Crum's return to form last week was pleasing. Events at the beginning of the season possibly upset the ex-Pyrmont player.

Std Alewood gave a fine display on Wentworth Park last Saturday, and his goal was a gem. Alewood showed at Manly against the Canadians that he is capable of getting goals in any class of football.

Frank Gallen last week played centre half in good style. Frank's friends have long wanted him to play half back, but he prefers the full-back position.

Terry Hancock is another natural half back playing out of position. He is showing improving form for Fernleigh, and should he make a complete recovery Fernleigh will be more formidable in the second series.

Many of Jock Comrie's friends were indeed pleased to see him representing the State against Queensland on the holiday. Jock has a brother the President of the juniors in Queensland.

OUR PLAYERS.

Are they Australian?

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir,—

I have two brother-in-laws both of them Englishmen. We had an argument about the proposed English Soccer team that is coming out here to play next season. Having seen all the crack teams playing in England, I stated that I thought a carefully selected and well-trained Australian team would have a fair chance of winning. They laughed and twitted me by saying that all the best Soccer players at present playing here are from other countries. Will you kindly publish in your interesting little paper the names and birthplace of all the players who have represented New South Wales and Australia against the Canadians this season. Needless to say I am an Aussie.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. WILKINSON.

Almost all the players that have represented this year, from New South Wales especially, are Australian born. The New South Wales team which defeated Canada 5-1 was an all-Australian combination, with the exception of Melliar-Smith, the Sydney outside left, who hails from England. Henderson is also from the Old Country, but says he learnt his football in Kurri Kurri, Cartwright, born at Annandale, got his first knowledge of the game at the local school. Gallen was born in Rozelle; Oliver, C. Leabeater and Spurway at Granville, Oliver at Weston, Storey at Balmain, and Masters, Thompson and Ward on the South Coast. Atcheson, Davidson, R. Leabeater, Crum, Mace, Waldon, Alewood, Hill, Tranter, O'Connor and Fisher in the metropolis, and Owen the Maunders, Williams, Peter Doyle, and a host of others in the Newcastle district, are all Australian-born. I would be safe in saying that not more than ten per cent. of the players are other than local born and bred.—Ed.

During the week greetings were received from Mr. A. E. Dome, manager of the Chinese team which is to make a tour of New Zealand during July, August and September. The party, on the "Tango Maru," has now left Thursday Island, and is on its way to Sydney, being due to arrive here on July 9th. It was hoped, on all sides, that we would be enabled to stage matches with our Chinese friends during their brief stay in Sydney, and, although the Association made big efforts to this end, New Zealand cannot see its way clear to allow it, and accordingly we can but welcome the tourists to Sydney and wish them the best of luck in the coming series of matches against the New Zealanders, with the hope that it will be possible to arrange a game later in the season.

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MISDEMEANOUR.

Souveniring Footballs. The Metropolitan Management Committee has decided that the souveniring of footballs will in future be treated as a misdemeanour on the football field. The footballs are the property of the Association, and the ownership of the Association must be respected. It has also been decided to provide the footballs on Wentworth Park, and these will be used in representative games.

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The Queensland Team.

D. Todd, E. Rigby, E. M. Stevenson.
L. Proud, W. Thomas, A. Murray, J. B. Bryant, Z. Korotoff, C. M. Shenton, E. Nunn.
J. Williams, E. Bright, J. S. Hildreth (Manager), A. Burns, E. Rumble.
A. Williams, D. Mitchell.

DID YOU KNOW THAT.

The fifth Test match between Canada and Australia takes place at Jubilee Oval next Saturday, the 12th July.

It is expected that there will be a goodly number of New South Welshmen in the Australian side.

Masters, the Australian skipper, will captain the Australian side at Melbourne to-day against the Canadians.

The Chinese team of footballers that are visiting New Zealand arrive here on July 9th, en route to New Zealand, and the manager of the Chinese team, from Thurs-

day Island, has sent greetings to Australian Soccerites.

The Chinese leave Sydney on July 11th, and will not complete their New Zealand itinerary until October 3rd. It will therefore be practically impossible to arrange matches in the football season proper; when the Chinese arrive here, summer sports will be in full swing.

Billy Chapman, Pyrmont's enthusiastic Hon. Sec., wears a smile these days. For Pyrmont are making a gallant effort to get back into the first division. The success of the Blues is pleasing to all followers, and their future matches will be watched with interest.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY,
JULY 5th.

Gardiner Cup.

St. George v Metters, St. George Sports Ground, 3.15 p.m.
Garden Island v Granville, Clyde, 3.15.
Auburn v Rangers, S.C.G. No. 2, 1.45.
Pyrmont Rangers v Pyrmont, Wentworth Pk. Oval, 1.45.
Lachlan Rangers v Leichhardt, Ibrox Park, 3.15.
Sydney v Gladesville, S.C.G. No. 2, 3.15.
Two Blues v Bal. Gladstones, Wentworth Pk. Oval, 3.15.
Bal. Fernleigh v Lithgow, Leichhardt, 3.15.
Auburn Jrs. v United Jrs. (to be fixed by Granville Assn.).
Second Grade.
Bankstown v Sunlight, Canterbury No. 1, 3.15.
Lilyfield Rangers v W. Sydney, Leichhardt, 1.45.
Gladesville v Pyrmont, Ibrox Park, 1.45.
Campsie Thistle v Drummoyn, Belmore, 3.15.
Annandale Alt. v F. Brigade, Waterloo, 1.45.
A.G.L. Coy. the bye.
S. Sydney v Burns, Waterloo, 3.15.
Callan Park v Botany Albions, Callan Park, 2.15.
N. Sydney v Booralee Rovers, Booralee, 3.15.
E. Suburbs v Sydney, Centennial, 3.15.
Manly v Alexandria, Manly, 3.15.
Garden Island v Metters, deferred.

FIXTURES FOR JULY 12th,
1924.

First Grade First Division.
Gladesville v Pyrmont Rangers, Wentworth Park, 1.45.
Sydney v Bal. Fernleigh, Leichhardt Oval, 3.15.
Granville v Auburn, Wentworth Park, 3.15.
Two Blues v Bal. Gladstones, S.C.G. No. 2, 3.15.
Second Division.
Lachlan Rangers v Leichhardt, Waterloo, 3.15.
St. George v Canterbury, Canterbury, 3.15.

Pyrmont v West Sydney, Drummoyn, 3.15.
Rangers v Bal. Scottish, Ibrox, 3.15.

Second Grade A Division.
Bankstown v W. Sydney, Bankstown, 3.15.
Sunlight v Pyrmont, S.C.G. No. 2, 1.45.
Lilyfield v Drummoyn, Drummoyn Oval, 1.45.
Campsie v Fire Brigades, Leichhardt Oval, 1.45.
A.G.L. v Annandale Altona, Easton Park, 3.15.

B Division.

South Sydney v Bal. Albion, Waterloo, 1.45.
Burns Club v Booralee Rovers, Booralee Park, 3.15.
Callan Park v Sydney, Callan Park, 2.15.
N. Sydney v Alexandria, Ibrox Park, 1.45.
Easts v Metters, Centennial Pk., 3.15.
Manly v Garden Island, Manly, 3.15.

RESULTS OF MATCHES ON 28th JUNE, 1924.

1st Grade 1st Division.
Granville beat Rangers 3-1.
Two Blues beat Fernleigh 1-0.
Bal. Gladstones beat Auburn 1-0.
Gladesville and Sydney drew 1-1.
2nd Division.
Lachlan Rangers beat St. George 3-2.
Pyrmont beat Leichhardt 1-0.
Rangers beat Canterbury 12-0.
West Sydney beat Bal. Scottish 4-1.
2nd Grade A Division.
Bankstown beat Lilyfield Rgs. 2-0.
Sunlight beat Gladesville 4-2.
West Sydney beat Campsie Thistle 3-2.
Annandale beat Drummoyn 3-1.
A.G.L. forfeit to Pyrmont.
Fire Brigades the bye.
2nd Grade B Division.
Callan Park beat South Sydney 7-1.
North Sydney beat Burns Club 6-1.
Botany Albions beat Eastern Suburbs 4-2.
Manly and Booralee Rovers drew 2-2.
Garden Island and Sydney drew 2-2.
Metters and Alexandria drew.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	Goals						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Granville	8	7	1	—	28	10	14
Two Blues	8	3	2	3	10	10	9
Auburn	8	2	2	4	8	8	8
Sydney	8	2	2	4	11	11	8
Bal. Gladstone	7	2	2	2	13	21	7
Pyrmont Rangers	8	2	3	3	16	16	7
Gladesville	7	2	3	2	12	17	6
Bal. Fernleigh	8	—	5	3	2	10	3

SECOND DIVISION

	Goals						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rangers	8	6	1	1	31	11	13
St. George	8	5	1	2	22	10	12
Pyrmont	8	4	1	3	24	15	11
West Sydney	8	3	1	4	22	13	10
Leichhardt	8	4	3	1	21	16	9
Bal. Scottish	8	1	5	2	9	24	4
Lachlan Ran.	8	2	6	—	17	30	4
Canterbury	8	—	7	1	12	39	1

	Goals						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Annandale Alt.	8	6	—	—	2	29	5
Bankstown	8	5	—	—	3	19	3
Sunlight	8	6	1	1	26	6	13
Pyrmont	8	5	1	2	19	11	12
Campsie Thistle	8	3	3	2	15	14	8
Gladesville	8	3	3	2	12	14	8
West Sydney	8	4	4	—	20	18	8
Lilyfield Rgs.	8	3	4	1	12	19	7
Fire Brigades	8	2	4	2	7	20	6
Drummoyn	8	—	8	—	3	27	0
A.G.L. Coy.	8	—	8	—	1	14	0
Rozelle Albions	8	—	8	—			

	Goals						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Metters	7	6	—	—	1	28	5
Sydney	8	5	1	2	25	17	12
Botany Albions	8	5	2	1	30	10	11
Callan Park	8	5	3	—	18	11	10
Garden Island	7	4	2	1	15	10	9
Manly	8	3	2	3	14	9	9
Alexandria	8	3	4	1	18	17	7
Eastern Subs.	8	3	4	1	18	19	7
North Sydney	8	1	6	1	8	31	3
Burns Club	8	1	6	—	5	32	2
South Sydney	7	1	6	—	8	29	1
Booralee Rov.	8	—	7	1	8		

AUBURN UNITED F.C.

At last the much discussed match between our 16A team and Kewpies is over, and the result was 1 all. It was a good game, with plenty of hard knocks about, still Uniteds were equal to the task. T. Arnold scored for Kewpies, and C. Herrington for us. Now we have played two matches with Kewpies, and both drawn. Every United player did his bit. Although it must be mentioned that W. Atherton played an exceptionally good game at back, and on the day played much better than his vis-a-vis, S. Carson.

Under 16B went down to Auburn Jrs. 2 to nil. Good luck Juniors on your first win. Had Uniteds played a decent game we would have at least scored one goal. G. Munday again played well. Hayes and Cox, however, never played worse, and want to wake up.

Under 18A went under to Districts 3 to nil, but we are disorganised so much that it was no shock. G. Green let the team down by failing to appear, but of course it only happens once a season. N. Costello and Ryan were probably the best of the bunch, not forgetting our friend, Ernie Cross. It was pleasing to see A. Macgennis again don the jersey for us after his illness for so long. Now Mack, we expect some big things from you.

The N.D.B.F. Association

FOURTH TEST MATCH PLAYED IN THE RAIN.

By Full Back.

A Scoreless Draw.

Last Saturday will be long remembered by Newcastle Soccerites as one of the hardest games in the history of the game in the North was fought out between Australia and Canada, in the fourth Test. The day broke showery in the district, but cleared as the day advanced, and by the time of the kick-off in the Test the weather was glorious.

A very large crowd was present at the match, which was played on the Show Ground at Broadmeadow. In the original selection were J. Masters, H. Spurway, and S. Bourke who failed to appear. It is noted that both Spurway & Bourke both took the field with their club on that day. W. Maunder, the West Wallsend crack centre, took Master's place, D. Ward, of Balgownie, going inside right, and Cec. Williams outside right. George Howe, of Cessnock, was left half.

W. Maunder led Australia and won the toss from Harley. Lanning kicked off against a slight breeze. The game opened very fast, both ends being visited. Disaster came early to Canada, as Chapman was injured in a collision, and was carried off, but later returned. Stobart, playing great football, was feeding his forwards well. From a great cross from Ford, H. Maunder cleared. Then H. Maunder was injured as a Canadian player got under him as he went up to head a ball, and gave him a nasty spill. Gilmore receiving from Storey, headed to McNaughton, who headed back to Gilmore, but McLean blocked his final shot. Canada were penalised just outside the penalty area for hands against Harley. Gilmore taking the kick, sent in a hard shot, which Mosher knocked round the post—a great save. Several of the Canadians seemed to have a set against Gil Storey, and each time they were beaten by him he appeared to have epithets hurled at him, but they seemed to have no effect on him as he played a great game, and continually beat the inside forwards. H. Maunders and Oliver also defended well. Cartwright had little to do in the first half, which ended with the score sheet blank. A downpour of rain ap-

peared as the players left the field. Rain was still falling heavily when the teams again lined up, and the going was very slippery. Stobart beat Owen, and sent across to Forrest, but Oliver cleared. Ward next was worked into good position by W. Maunder, and put weakly past the goal. Harley was playing well, and giving the ball to Lanning, but both backs had his measure. Storey's head was doing great work in stopping the Canadian attack, and he was giving Gilmore plenty of work. McNaughton was beating Dierden often, but his crosses were going past the goal instead of being square. Gilmore, on several occasions, beat man after man, but held on too long and lost the ball. One of his shots just grazed the bar. He failed badly to pass into centre. Maunder changed his team, Ward going outside right. Maunder inside, and Williams centre, but it was not effective. Ward appeared to be the weak link. Near the end Cartwright was severely tested by Lanning, but saved brilliantly on both occasions. At the other end Mosher fell when attempting to clear. Gilmore had an open goal, but failed to kick straight. Cartwright went down on a ball in saving, and Stobart put his arms round him rugby fashion, and was penalised. The game ended in a scoreless draw.

For Australia, Storey played a beautiful game, ably supported by both backs. Cartwright was in his best form. W. Maunder was well watched by Harley, and allowed no scope, although the inside forwards failed to give him any support. Gilmore was very tricky, but was too selfish. The other forwards did not play up to their club standard, Ward being particularly weak.

The Canadian defence was great, Stobart being the star, ably supported by Harley. McLean and Anderson defended well. The forwards were weak in attack, Lanning sending in only a couple of dangerous shots; the others never looked like scoring.

Mr. J. Nicholson did well as referee, as he had a hard game to handle. He fully justified the confidence of his many admirers.

The early game was the Richardson Cup tie, Broadmeadow v

West Wallsend. In the first half Westy had the wind and missed chances galore, Richardson missing golden opportunities, trying to boot too hard instead of placing the ball into the net. The first half was scoreless. Broadmeadow was the first to score, Hanlon sending in from the wing; the ball hit the bar and bounced into goal. Henderson, however, making it a certainty. West Wallsend drew level within a minute, D. Kaiser accepting James' cross and beating Jordan, netted with a fine shot. Kaiser again scored after a fine run, beating Price, Jordan and Watt, and then putting into the net, giving Westy the lead, which was held to the finish. C. Watt played a fine game for Broadmeadow at full back, his kicking being very clean. Hanlon and Henderson, on the wings, crossed well, but the inside forwards failed to take opportunities. For the winners, Proudlock, Duck, D. Kaiser, and James were best. The "Blues" lack a good centre.

The death of Mrs. W. Johnstone, mother of Will Johnstone, of Holmesville and West Wallsend Clubs, took place on Sunday morning early. The sympathy of Soccerites goes out to Mr. W. Johnstone and family in their severe loss.

Mr. N. Gray is leaving West Wallsend for Bobbin, to go into business. With his departure West Wallsend loses two good supporters in Mr. Gray and son Fred, as they have been regular attenders at senior matches. Best wishes of Soccerites in new venture.

Among the attendance at the Test match were three ex-committee men in J. H. Bloomfield, who is looking a great deal better; Sam Howard, who is now a member of the Metropolitan Football Association, and Sid Prentice, who was a very ardent worker on the local committee.

UNDER 18.

New Lambton Defeat Newtown. The only other match played on Saturday was the deferred game, New Lambton v Newtown, New Lambton winning by three goals to nil.

This win puts New Lambton at the head of their competition, providing the protest entered by Broadmeadow is not upheld. The birth certificate of player Smith is still outstanding, and if he is outside the age limit New Lambton will be deprived of all their points in which the player in question took part. In the B division West Wallsend lead on 13 points, with Adamstown and Rovers their closest attendants on 11 and 10 points respectively.

If New Lambton succeed in the protest entered against them, the three leaders to play a round in each division will be: New Lambton, Mereweather and Broadmeadow in A division, and West Wallsend, Adamstown and Rovers in B division. If New Lambton fail, Jeasmund will come in as the third team in A division.

The winner on points of this round will take the Willis Cup, and the two leaders play off for the trophies.

The draw will be made at this week's committee meeting, and a start made next week with the round.

FOURTH GRADE.

Only two matches remain to be played in the A division of this competition, but the semi-finalists cannot be altered to any great extent. The Cup winner, however, is still in doubt. If Hamilton can defeat Cardiff, and Broadmeadow defeat Teralba, Broadmeadow will secure the Bryant Cup. If, however, Cardiff are successful in putting it over Hamilton, they will become Cup winners. Adamstown have a slight chance of getting it, but to do so Teralba will have to defeat Broadmeadow, which is very doubtful.

Boolaroo, who lost their match v Broadmeadow, on a protest, are now out of it.

In the B division Wakefield and Fernleigh are the two teams who will oppose the two leaders of the A division.

THIRD GRADE.

Killingworth are now leading in this competition on 13 points. Rovers are next on 12, and have played two matches less than Killy. Dudley are on 11, and Islington, Boolaroo, Minni, and Teralba are on 9 each. Adamstown, Holmesville, West Wallsend, and Barnsley are on 8. Swanside and Young Wallsend are on 6, and New Lambton 2, and Mayfield has 5. Rovers are the only team that has not lost a point, but they visit Minni today, and will have to play up to form to keep up their unbeaten record.

RICHARDSON CUP.

West Wallsend by their win over Broadmeadow, are in the third round. Rovers are also in, and Hamilton, who were successful in their protest against Cardiff, for playing over-age player, meet Adamstown to-day at the Tramway, the winner, along with the above two, and one from S.M.B.F.A., to reduce to two.

GARDNER CUP.

To-day at the Tramway Ground Weston will oppose last year's State champions, West Wallsend, in the second round of the Gardner Cup. Wallsend, Adamstown, and Killy are in the third round, and the winner of to-day's game will make the fourth. It is to be hoped that all teams will now go into the hat, and I am optimistic enough to expect two northern teams to meet in the final.

Weston who had three tries before they could out New Lambton, are very confident of putting it over Westy, and although at the bottom of the local competition table have not had a goal scored against them in the last three matches.

They are fielding their strongest eleven, and expect to enter round No. 3 at the

expense of the Blues. Westy, however, will not bear of defeat, and in their team alterations will be noticed (Podge) Maunders will play inside right, W. Erickson going centre, L. Brown inside left, Tommy Sinclair being 12th man.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

Quite a busy time was in store for the last meeting of the committee.

T. Oliver and R. Austin, of Weston, and D. McAllister, of New Lambton, who were ordered off by Referee Nicholson, were severely censured. The action of the referee was endorsed.

L. McAllister, of Adamstown, 4th, was also let off with a caution for jumping.

Broadmeadow were successful in their protest against Boolaroo for not having ground properly marked. Clubs should note that the ground must be marked, not dug; also no grace is allowed.

W. Linton was refused a regrade for Barnsley. F. Pickersgill was granted for Adamstown 3rds.

TO-DAY'S SENIOR FIXTURES.

Gardiner Cup.

Weston v West Wallsend, Tramway Ground. Referee, Mr. W. Stott.

Ellis Cup.

Wallsend v Cesnock. Referee, Mr. S. Smith.

Adamstown v New Lambton. Referee, Mr. J. Nicholson.

Neath v Kurri. Referee, Mr. J. Sneddon.

Mayfield the bye.

Richardson Cup.

Adamstown v Hamilton, Tramway Ground. Referee, B. Lane.

The Kurri North End had a good day's sport on Kurri North End ground on Saturday, June 28th, considering the wet weather. They played four games, winning three out of the four. The first game started at 11.25, between North End under 14's, and Cesnock B. The North Enders won 11 to nil. The Cesnock boys played a hard game, but was outclassed. W. Picton, the full back for North End, played up to form, and beat Cesnock forwards every time. They tried to score, and Elliott, the North End centre forward, scored every time a ball came his way. The following players scored for North End: Hargraves 1, Beveridge 1, Newstead 1, Barnett 1, Picton 1, and Elliott 6. This team has an unbeaten record for the season, winning seven games and played a scoreless draw with Kurri Juniors. In their seven wins they have scored 36 goals, and have only had two goals scored against them.

Rangers have the honor of being the first team to lower the colors of St. George, and incidentally upsetting the competition table somewhat. St. George's best were Weekes, Hayes and Murray in the forwards, and Chiswell and Murray in the backs. It was impossible to pick Rangers best, every man playing well.

SYDNEY SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB.

The third social and dance of the Sydney Club will be held at the Langridge School of Physical Culture, 380 George Street, on Saturday, July 12th.

Tickets (Gents 4/-, Ladies 3/-) may be had on application to officials of the Club, or at the Langridge School of Physical Culture.

LACHLAN RANGERS SURPRISE By Beating St. George.

The biggest shock of last week's football was the decisive defeat of the 2nd division leaders, St. George, by Lachlan Rangers. The Saints who were hitherto undefeated, did not reckon on having too much trouble in vanquishing the Rangers, who lately have been doing poorly owing to a number of their players being on the injured list. Weekes opened the scoring for St. George; he received the ball from the wing, and drove hard and low, giving Rangers' custodian very little chance. This reverse livened Rangers up. Their first score came from a nice individual effort by Hetherington, who, after beating the opposition by his clever footwork, transferred to Sullivan, who netted. With scores level both teams now made the pace a crackier until Les. Davie, Rangers speedy outside left, scored a beauty which beat Cave all the way. Half time came with Lachlan Rangers leading 2-1. Five minutes after the second half started Sullivan again netted, receiving a beautiful cross by Edwards on the right wing. Scores now stood at 3-1 in favor of the Rangers. St. George now took a hand, and ten minutes from full time scored their second goal. Fast football was now the order of the day, and judging by the barracking, was much appreciated by the good crowd of spectators. Full time came with both teams straining hard for another score.

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**SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND No. 2, 3.15.
GLADESVILLE v. SYDNEY.**
Referee: Mr. A. G. Court. Linesmen: Messrs. G. Packwood and P. Medcalf.
GLADESVILLE (Maroon)

1—E. PONT 3—D. FOWLER 6—J. SIMMONDS 10—F. L. MELLAR-SMITH 3—R. ROBINSON, or 5—N. CHARLTON	Goal J. FOWLER W. MAIZEY G. MACFARLANE H. S. HERRINGHAM A. GALLAGHER L. FORRESTER G. SMART H. CREAGG SYDNEY (Black and Blue Stripes)	2—J. LYON 5—W. JOHNSTONE O T. ROBSON R. H. FITZPATRICK J. BURNS A. OWEN S. MONTGOMERY (Capt.)
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Reserves—Sydney: 14—D. Christie; 15—H. Graham.

**EARLY MATCH, 1.45 P.M.
AUBURN v. RANGERS**
Referee: Mr. J. Lester.
AUBURN (Black and White Halves)
L. EVANS | Goal |
1—O. JOASS
3—C. O'CONNOR
6—R. DUNN
Reserves—11—M. Leabeater
10—J. COHEN
5—W. KETTYLE
2—J. SELBY
 2—T. AMOS 5—J. PICKEN 3—A. ELLIS 1—W. SYM RANGERS |

**LEICHHARDT OVAL, 3.15.
LITHGOW THISTLES v. BALMAIN FERNLEIGH**

Referee: Mr. G. McLay.
LITHGOW THISTLE (Team not available).
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10—A. LAPPAN 2—G. FITZPATRICK 3—W. BYERS	9—F. HANCOCK 4—E. FERRIER 1—R. LEADBETTER	8—F. BAXTER 4—E. FERRIER T. DAVIDSON Goal (Blue and Gold Halves)	5—S. PEEL 7—T. O'TOOLE 4—J. WATSON C. KETTRINGHAM Goal BALMAIN FERNLEIGH	6—G. TURNER 7—J. FISHER 1—R. LEADBETTER
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Reserves—Balmain Fernleigh: W. Dykes; R. Fairweather; F. Daniels.

**EARLY MATCH, 1.45 P.M.
LILYFIELD RANGERS v. WEST SYDNEY**
(Green and Gold) (Red and Blue Halves)

**CLYDE OVAL, 3.15 P.M.
GARDEN ISLAND v. GRANVILLE**
Referee: Mr. C. R. Brown.
GARDEN ISLAND (Royal Blue)
(Team not available).
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10—G. MILNER 5—H. SPURWAY 2—J. COMRIE	9—J. HELE 4—A. HENDERSON 2—J. COMRIE	8—COOK 3—L. LEABEATER E. ATCHISON GRANVILLE (Black and White Stripes)	7—H. WINTER 3—C. LEABEATER S. BOURKE
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IRISH MOSS**
THE BEST FOR COUGHS

Two Blues v Balmain Gladstone

Referee: Mr. A. W. Bates

Umpires: J. Downes and F. Hudson.

TWO
(Light and Dark Stripes)

1—E. RIGBY	2—E. BAINBRIDGE
3—N. HILL	4—G. LEE
6—C. MACE	7—E. HOUSTON
10—E. HEYMAN or GLACHEN	9—D. McIVOR
5—R. WHITE	8—W. GOLAY
2—J. DRISCOLL	9—G. SMITH
	1—F. GALLEN
	G. CARMAN
	2—A. CROFT
	3—W. WALDON
	4—H. FLYNN
	5—T. CROFT
	6—C. BRENNAN
	7—A. CREIGHTON
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Protestant Churches Association

LAST WEEK'S GAMES.

Last week the Mission forwards played as they never played before. Though Brunker and Thompson played at top form, Roberts and Co. ran rings round them. It was more than Roberts could do at Kearsley. A. Chessel, of rep. fame, was the means of Lakemba A towelling Ryde Meth. by the odd goal in five. Why his club selectors drop this player now and again is one of the unsolved mysteries of the football world. Holy Trinity only just got home against Enmore Tabs, and then largely on account of the misplaced generosity of R. W. Stanhope. Newtown Congs. A played a different game against their Alexandria contemporaries last week, whom they tossed 4-0. Last round the honors were even, in fact, had it not been for an incorrect decision of the referee Alex. would have been on top. As it is the match is to be replayed.

Holt was largely the means of Austens F.C. so severely defeating Leichhardt Meth. last week. All Saints, though fairly low in the competition table, were the means of shaking All Souls up. Souls felt the loss of S. Wright, while Thomas, the Saints custodian, was in great fettle.

St. Thomas were able to add another point to their rather depleted score at the expense of Botany Meth. B. W. Singleton played a fine game for St. Lukes last week.

St. Stephens K. were very unlucky to lose to Canterbury Meth. last week 2-3. If the Saints had had 11 instead of nine men the tables would have been turned.

Both Ashfield Bapt. and Drum. Bap. Jnrs. (especially the latter) deserve every praise as they turn up smiling every week, though always fairly badly beaten. It is teams like this—out for the game and not just medal hunters—that makes the code what it is.

The two best games to-day will be staged on Wardell Road No. 3. All four teams are in the lead in their respective divisions, and two good clean matches are anticipated.

Ryde Meth. should shake up St. Johns A to-day. Ryde is a good team playing with some bad luck. St. Pauls is in a similar position. Lakemba Congs. should have no difficulty in accounting for St. Clements, though the mar-

gin will not be much.

Carlton Meth. A, Campsie Meth. and Kogarah Presb. should all win.

S. Jones.

Mr. S. Jones, Hon. Secretary of Croydon Congs. A and B, deserves to be complimented for his work last Saturday. The ref. failed to attend, so Sec. Jones got to work, and not only did he collect the signatures of his own team and their opponents, but also those of both teams set down for the early match, and forwarded to the Association. Other hon. secs. might well follow this example.

Presentation of Trophies.

For the last time teams are reminded of this function to be held in Leichhardt Dispensary Hall on 10th inst. What about supporting your Association—just for a change.

Finance.

The credit balance of the Association at the 30th June was £78-1/3. The holder of receipt No. 625 should communicate with the Association at once.

P.C.R.A.

Secretary Scott would like to remind members that reports of matches must reach the Sports Club, not later than the Monday following the match. On account of the annual dinner to be held on 21st inst., the usual monthly meeting will lapse. Ref. Rowe is out of hospital, and was sighted at the Sports Club last Monday. Members and players alike are glad to see him back.

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 12th JULY, 1924.

First Grade.

Ryde Meths. v H. Pk. Congs. on Wardell Rd. No. 2, 3.15.

Lakemba Congs. A v St. Pauls, Leichhardt Flat, 3.15.

Drum. Bap. v Alex. Mission A, Hurlstone Park, 3.15.

St. Aidans A v St. Johns Bal. A, Wardell Rd. No. 3, 3.15.

St. Clements the bye.

Second Grade A Division.

Holy Trinity v Alex. Congs. on Botany, 3.15.

Botany Meth. A v Enmore Tabs, Botany, 1.45.

Dul. Hill Bap. A v Marrickville Presb., Wardell Rd. No. 2, 1.45.

Meths. St. Peters No. 1, 3.15.

Newtown Congs. A v Tempe Pk.

Second Grade B Division.

Austens F.C. v Fivedock Meth. on Haberfield Flat, 3.15.

All Souls v Ashfield Bap., Leichhardt Flat, 1.45.

Croydon Congs. A v Leichhardt Meth., Haberfield Flat, 1.45.

All Saints v Leichhardt Presb., Lakemba, 3.15.

Third Grade A Division.

St. Silas v St. Johns Bal. B, Wardell Rd. No. 3, 1.45.

Alex. Mission v Newtown Congs. B, Hurlstone Park, 1.45.

St. Bartholomew v St. Thomas, Centen. Park No. 1, 1.45.

Botany Meths. B v St. Stephens N., Erskineville, 1.45.

St. Columba v St. Lukes, Erskineville, 3.15.

Third Grade B Division.

Drum. Bap. Jrs. v Lakemba Congs. B, Centen. Pk. No. 2, 3.15.

St. Bedes v St. Johns Glebe, Wardell Rd. No. 1, 3.15.

Croydon Congs. B v St. Aidans B, Wardell Rd. No. 1, 1.45.

Canterbury Meths. v St. Stephens K., Centen. Pk. No. 1, 1.45.

H. Pk. Meths. v Annandale Meth., Lakemba, 1.45.

St. George Branch.

Carlton Meth. A v Carlton Meth. B, Cook's River, No. 2, 1.45.

Campsie Meth. v Kogarah Pres. on Cook's River No. 1, 1.45.

Tempe Pk. Meth. v St. Clements, Cook's River, No. 2, 3.15.

COMPETITION TABLES.

First Grade.

P W L D F A Pts.

Goals

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Alex. Mission A*	8	7	1	0	32	6	14
St. Johns Bal. A*	8	6	0	2	12	6	14
Lakemba Congs. A	9	6	2	1	17	13	13
St. Pauls	9	4	2	3	15	13	12
St. Clements	9	3	2	4	11	14	10
St. Aidans A	9	3	2	4	12	15	10
H. Pk. Congs. *	8	3	4	1	11	11	7
Drum. Bap.	9	2	7	0	9	36	4
Ryde Meths. *	8	1	6	1	10	16	3

Second Grade A Division.

Botany Meth. A

8 6 1 29 9 13

N'town Cong. A*

7 6 1 0 26 11 12

Holy Trinity

8 5 1 2 30 7 12

Dul. Hill Bap.

8 3 2 3 20 14 9

Alex. Congs. *

7 2 3 2 20 16 6

Tempe Pk. Meth.

8 2 5 1 14 20 5

Enmore Tabs.

8 1 6 1 8 21 3

M'kvile Presb.

8 0 6 2 7 34 2

Second Grade B Division.

Austens F.C.

8 5 1 2 21 14 12

Croydon Congs. A

8 5 2 1 29 12 11

All Souls

7 4 1 2 14 7 10

L'hardt Presb.

8 5 3 0 13 11 10

L'hardt Meth.

8 3 2 3 16 15 9

Fivedock Meth. *

7 2 3 2 11 11 8

All Saints

8 2 5 1 9 19 5

Ashfield Bap.

8 0 8 0 2 36 0

Third Grade A Division.

Lakemba Congs. B

9 8 0 1 45 4 17

St. Bedes

9 7 2 0 30 9 14

St. Johns Glebe

9 5 2 2 27 9 12

Croydon Congs. B

9 6 3 0 26 14 12

St. Aidans B.

9 4 3 2 19 11 10

H. Pk. Meths.

9 5 4 0 15 13 10

Canterbury Meth.

9 3 6 0 7 29 6

Enmore Meths.

9 2 6 1 18 21 5

St. Stephens K.

9 2 7 0 13 34 4

Drum. Bap. Jrs.

9 0 9 0 0 60 0

Third Grade B Division.

Lakemba Congs. B

9 8 0 1 45 4 17

St. Bedes

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The St. George Association

ST. GEORGE'S FIRST DEFEAT.

GREAT SOCCER TO-MORROW.

Early Fixture.

The St. George District team suffered their first defeat at home to Lachlan Rangers—the latter are a greatly improved team, and must be congratulated for defeating the Saints by 3 goals to 2. Sullivan 2, and Davie scored for the winners, and J. Murray and Bowman scored for the St. George. In the first round St. George beat Lachlan Rangers at Waterloo Oval by 3 goals to 1. St. George are at present unfortunate in losing several of their best players who are on the injured list, and it is hoped that they will make a speedy recovery. The team cannot afford to take any risks, and must win their remaining fixtures to enable them to go up amongst the top notches next season.

To-morrow's Fixture.

To-morrow's event will be against Metters in the State Senior Championship which carries with it the Gardiner Cup on the St. George Sports Ground No. 1, at 3.15.

ST. GEORGE ASSOCIATION.

Arncliffe Still Leads.

Arncliffe continue to lead in each of the competitions of the St. George Soccer Association. Last Saturday Arncliffe met Brighton at Moorefield, but did not find them too easy to defeat, and only succeeded in winning by 2 goals to nil. Kogarah beat Hurstville at the St. George Sports Ground by 3 goals to nil (Hodgson, Pritchard and Thompson scored). St. George beat Rockdale at Cook Park by 2 goals to 1. Lancashire and Penshurst played a two-all draw at the St. George Sports Ground No. 2, and Penshurst beat Cronulla by 3 goals to 2 at Dumbleton.

Third Grade B Division.

Lakemba Congs. B

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The Metropolitan Juniors

BAD LUCK.

Soccer patrons will be sorry to learn that W. Ewen, who was injured in inter-Association match against Granville, and allowed to go home after treatment, was more severely hurt than was thought at first, and he has again been taken to Sydney Hospital. He is now in Ward No. 1.

Closing date of entries for Charity Cup have been extended to the 9th July.

At Primrose Park next Saturday week, the 12th July, those old rivals—United Juniors and Marrickville—will clash. As in past seasons these teams are fighting for leadership in the competition. A great game is looked forward to.

The early match will be between St. Peters and Newtown, two of the leading teams in B Grade competition.

On Primrose Park last Saturday, United Juniors beat Sydenham by a margin of 6 goals. Gilbert and Howard combined well on the right wing for United Juniors. Chapman, Sydenham's goalkeeper, was their outstanding player, bringing off some brilliant saves, and also nullifying a penalty kick. This speaks well for his future, considering the state of the ground, and the slippery ball in this match.

A GRADE.

The early fixture at headquarters last Saturday was between Lilyfield (undefeated) and Glebe Arcadia, in the A Grade competition. The previous meeting of these two teams ended in a narrow victory for Lilyfield by 1—0, and it was generally conceded that the late game would be a very even go, but Glebe were hopelessly outclassed in every department of the match, and were beaten by 6 to nil. Glebe were unable to hold the fast moving forwards of their opponents who, at half time, had netted 4 goals.

Anindale Altona and Kangaroos revelled in the mud and water at No. 4 Canterbury. The former team won by 5 to 1.

53rd Battalion beat the "Pie Kings" at Centennial Park 6—1. The winners have improved considerably of late, and with Sargents on the move, and the fact of them having held Easton Park the previous week to a 1-all draw, was indicative of a closer game than the scores would indicate (6—1).

B GRADE.

Contrary to expectations Lilyfield went down to St. Peters at No. 3 Canterbury by 2—1. Although the ground was in a treacherous state, it was a very even game, with perhaps the losers playing the better football. They were unable to penetrate the St. Peters goalkeeper, who played a great game and saved his side from defeat. Lilyfield were pegging away at their goals for a considerable time, and St. Peters can think themselves lucky to collect the 2 points.

Leichhardt got the shock of their lives at Canterbury, and just got home from Banksmeadow by 2—1. As mentioned in previous issues Banksmeadow continue to improve, and are now playing excellent football. Their shooting, however, could be improved on.

Newtown ran away with Bondi A team, winning by 6—0. The losers have apparently gone off, as in the opening engagements they were showing real good football.

Bondi B beat the "Soap Merchants" by 6—2! Sunlight, the previous week beat the then undefeated St. Peters eleven by 5—2. Rather inconsistent! Bondi B have not previously won a game. The surf evidently proved too much for the soap.

C GRADE.

A great surprise occurred last week when Rozelle Fernleigh played a draw (1—1) with the undefeated Rozelle Waratahs. As these two teams met early in the first round (Fernleigh going down by 1—0), and being next door neighbours, keen rivalry developed for the second meeting. The way in which Waratahs played and beat Lilyfield the previous week it was generally expected that Fernleigh would not be able to hold such a powerful team, but things will happen.

Two more neighbouring teams in Annandale United and Federals played a scoreless draw, while Lilyfield just beat Leichhardt Wanderers by 2—1.

Warren Iona beat Manly in the water at No. 2 P. Park by 2—1, and continue at the head of the table, while Punch Park in the 3rd division continues on their merry way, and have a lead of 4 points, and should maintain that to the end.

FIXTURES FOR 18th JULY, 1924.

A Grade.

Easton Park v Kangaroos, Five Dock, 3.15.

53rd Battalion v Glebe Arcadia, Canterbury No. 2, 3.15.

Marrickville Avoca v Lilyfield, Canterbury No. 1, 1.45.

Sargents v Annandale Altona, Canterbury No. 3, 3.15.

B Grade.

Bondi Beach A v Banksmeadow, Centennial No. 13, 3.15.

Sunlight v Lilyfield, Algie Pk., 3.15.

Newtown v St. Peters, Primrose Park No. 1, 1.45.

Bondi Beach B v Leichhardt Juniors, Canterbury No. 4, 3.15.

C Grade.

Annandale Waratahs v Rozelle Waratahs, Sunlight, 1.45.

Annandale United v Lilyfield, Canterbury No. 3, 1.45.

Rozelle Juniors v Leichhardt Wanderers, Algie, 1.45.

Annandale Federals v Rozelle Fernleigh, Five Dock, 1.45.

C Grade Division 2.

Warren Iona v Pyrmont—to be arranged.

Warren Avoca v Enmore United—to be arranged.

Manly Juniors v Marrickville Rangers, Centennial No. 12, 1.45.

Erskineville v Newtown Iona, St. Peters Canal, 1.45.

C Grade Division 3.

Long Bay Kia Ora v Nestles, Canal, 3.15.

St. Peters v Banksmeadow, P. Park No. 2, 1.45.

Bondi Beach v Punch Park, P. Park No. 2, 3.15.

Manning Rovers v Botany Rechabites, Centennial No. 13, 1.45.

It is rumoured that Ip Kan Ko, the nippy little inside right in the Chinese team which visited Sydney last season, is going to Paris to play tennis. Chinese athletes seem to be having a very large share of international tours.

Abbreviated Laws of the Game

Eleven players form a team. For positions see team list.

HANDLING THE BALL.—The goalkeepers only may play the ball with their hands, and they only within the penalty area. INTENTIONAL handling only is penalised by a free kick to the opposite side, opponents keeping back ten yards.

OFF-SIDE.—This is the hardest rule of all. A player cannot be off-side in his own half of the field of play, nor when the ball is last played by an opponent, nor if he is behind the ball when it is last played. He cannot be off-side when a corner kick or throw-in is taken, this protection ceasing when the ball is again played by one of his own side. With these general exceptions a **PLAYER MUST HAVE AT LEAST THREE OF HIS OPPONENTS NEARER THEIR OWN GOAL LINE.** To be penalised a player must be playing the ball or interfering with the play.

FREE KICK.—A free kick is awarded for handling the ball, tripping, kicking, jumping at, holding, pushing, or illegally charging an opponent or dangerous play.

PENALTY KICK.—This award for the following infringements within the "penalty" area (18 yards mark): Tripping, kicking, striking, jumping at an opponent, handling the ball, holding, pushing, or illegally charging an opponent.

CORNER KICK.—If the ball is played behind by one of the defending side, an opponent shall kick it from within one yard of the corner flag.

THROW-IN.—The ball is out of play when it has passed completely over the touch line. The throw-in is taken by an opponent, who must stand with part of both feet on the line and throw the ball with both hands over his head.

DURATION OF GAME.—Except when otherwise arranged, the duration of a game shall be two spells of 45 minutes.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Canterbury Park (C Grade) suffered their first defeat of the season by Lakemba, who won by the narrow margin of 1 to nil. The "Lakes" are a much improved team, and for boys play first-class football.

Rechabites received a set-back in their match against Bankstown when they were beaten rather easily by 6 to 1. This result caused a stir in the district, as Rechabites are so well up in the competition.

Athletics created a record so far as goals scored in one game, when they defeated Revesby Rovers by 12 to nil on Canterbury Park.

In the early game at headquarters, Hurlstone Park proved too good for Bankstown, the former scoring 5 goals to nil.

The late game was rather disappointing, to spectators, who anticipated Lakemba No. 2 to extend Canterbury Park, but only to fail. The outstanding feature of the match was the fine display

of goalkeeping by W. Kruger, of Lakemba, who was called upon to save shot after shot. The Bury's forwards were not to be denied, goals coming from Rigby (2), Clark, Smith, Watson and Greenstein, making the result 6 to nil.

Lakemba No. 1 (A Grade leaders) accounted for Revesby Rovers by 4 to 1. The former have given followers of the code some fine displays of football, both in defence and attack, and will be very hard to beat in the various competitions.

Canterbury Juniors (C Grade) were too superior for Campsie Albions, whom they defeated by 3 to nil.

Lakemba (B Grade) simply outclassed Campsie Albions, winning by 7 to nil. Albions are out of luck; they are having some difficulty to field a team. "Players take note."

suspended on Saturday, to enable the first rounds of the "Alert" Cup and knock-out for C Grade to be played, the draw for same to be played. The draw for same is as follows:

must not be violent or dangerous. Charging behind is illegal unless an opponent is obstructing, but it must under no circumstance be violent or dangerous.

GOAL.—A goal is scored when the ball has passed between the goal posts, under the bar, and completely over the goal line.

CORNER KICK.—If the ball is played behind by one of the defending side, an opponent shall kick it from within one yard of the corner flag.

THROW-IN.—The ball is out of play when it has passed completely over the touch line. The throw-in is taken by an opponent, who must stand with part of both feet on the line and throw the ball with both hands over his head.

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"Alert" Cup.

Campsie Athletic v Lakemba No. 2, at Goodlets Park, 3 p.m. Lakemba No. 1 v Lakemba B, at Lakemba, 3.15. Revesby No. 1 v Revesby No. 2, at Revesby, 3 p.m. Canterbury Park the bye.

C Grade Knock-out.

Canterbury Park v Bankstown, at Canterbury Park, 3 p.m. Campsie Albions v Canterbury Jnr., Hospital Ground, 3 p.m. Hurlstone Park v Lakemba, at Lakemba, 1.45.

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GRANVILLE ASSOCIATION.

Sorry my notes were like the banana skin last week. They slipped—quite in keeping with most of the players I guess. Naturally the grounds were more or less slippery last week end, but nevertheless some very fine football was produced. The early game at Clyde was the Tribune Cup match, Parramatta District v Auburn Juniors. The game ended by last year's all-age premiers, Auburn, winning 3—1.

The late game between Blues and Fernleigh was not at any time very brilliant. Chances were missed on both sides. Blues were if anything slightly the better team, but were rather lucky to win.

A drawn game would in my opinion have been a fairer result. Deg, the officer commanding Auburn United's three teams, has complained that the senior teams receive too much preference on Clyde ground; we quite agree that there is something in it, but good as the nippers might be, and Deg reckons they play better soccer than a lot of the seniors, the man who pays generally looks for the big stuff. I was going to say never mind Deg, the finals will be played there, I nearly slipped that time.

The application of Hockley, of Carlingford, for a transfer to Advance, was granted at last meeting.

Graham, of Lidcombe, has been granted a transfer to Babcocks.

In the case of Garsides, late of Scottish, asking for permit to play with Kewpies, same was referred to M.S.F. Association.

Mr. Moodie, of Auburn, submitted report of Auburn Juniors' trip to Bowral on the holiday. It discloses a very happy state of affairs down south. They were met on arrival, and right royally entertained till the arrival of the mail at 2 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

The game ended in a win for the visitors 4—1.

The Auburn boys have done an enormous amount of pioneering work in the country, and are to be commended for their zeal.

A suggestion has been made for a match—Granville Hasbeens v. the Magpies. The writer suggests such old players as W. Bailey, Jock Neilson, Peter Adam, Sparrow Taylor, Billy Leydecker, Phil Williams, Fred Barlow, Jacky Riordan, Arthur Clay, Steve

Fowles, and one or two others. If the above unanimously agree that a game is desirable arrangements will be made straight away.

The juvenile results last week end were as follows:

Kewpies and United A, who are contesting strongly for the medals, met at Granville Park, and after a pretty fierce tussle honors were even with 1 each. Only one point separates these teams with 11 and 12 respectively. Parramatta are running strongly with 10 points. Kewps are the more prolific goal kickers, with 23 against 3. United A have found the net 18 times, and their little Atchie has only been beaten on two occasions.

Parramatta United had an easy win over Guildford 6—0. Auburn Juniors downed United B after a very good game 2—0.

In the Under 18 Nurse Cup competition, Auburn Advance had an easy win over Two Blues 3—0. Advance appear to have a firm grip on the medal, having scored 43 goals against 5, with 15 points to credit, against 13, and 12 by Auburn and Blues respectively.

Auburn well and truly tossed United A 3—0.

In the All-Age, Kewpies, a very much improved combination, met and downed Caledonian 2—0. Caleds appear to have everything but luck.

English Electric journeyed to Lidcombe Park, to be beaten 1—0 by the late John Streeters. Lids with 12 points are leading from Kewpies 10, and have scored 19 goals against 0—a record to be proud of.

In the Senior, Lidcombe and Advance played the late game on the Park, and the former won by the odd goal in 5.

In the Churches, Congs. A, who cannot well be displaced, knocked the thorns off Thistles, and won rather easily, 6—2.

Congs. B were downed by Mission 3—1, and Baptist had no trouble with St. Marks, and won 3—0.

FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY ARE:

Juveniles.

Guildford v Kewpies, Blaxcell Street, 2.15.

United A v Parramatta, Gees, 2.15.

Lidcombe v Auburn, Lidcombe Park, 2.15.

Juniors.

United B v United A, Gees, 3.15.

Lidcombe v Two Blues, Granville Park No. 2, 3.15.

Advance v Carlingford, Parramatta No. 3, 3.15.

All-Age.

Auburn v Caledonians, Rosehill, 3.15.

Lidcombe v Merrylands, Granville Park, 3.15.

Granville East v Kewpies, Blaxcell Street, 3.15.

Seniors.

Babcocks v Parramatta, Lidcombe Park, 3.15.

Churches.

Congs. B v Thistles, Parramatta No. 2, 3.15.

St. Marks v Mission, Rosehill, 1.45.

Congs. A v Baptist, Auburn Park, 3.15.

Gardiner Cup.

Auburn v United Juniors, Clyde, 1.45.

Granville v Garden Island, Clyde, 3.15.

The draw for the K.O. competition took place on Monday night and resulted:

"Cottam Memorial."

Preliminary: Granville East v English Electric.

First round: Merrylands v Mission.

Caledonians v Kewpies.

Lidcombe v Easts or English Electric.

Congs. A v Auburn.

"Argus Challenge Cup."

Parramatta v English Electric.

Advance v Auburn.

Babcocks v Caledonians.

Easts v Lidcombe.

"Ainslie Cup."

Two Blues v Lidcombe.

Kewpies v United A.

Auburn v United B.

Advance the bye.

NEW JUNIOR ASSOCIATION.

Latest reports received indicate formation of new junior bodies in the near future at Manly (already formed and in working order), Leichhardt District (including Balmain), Eastern Suburbs, Alexandria. Surely a good outlook for the future of our code.

To those who are the prime movers in these new ventures, please get in touch with the Hon. Secretary of the Junior Board of Control, who may be able to give valuable assistance.

JUNIOR BOARD OF CONTROL.

Association Cup Matches.

The third round was concluded on June, 23rd, when Granville and Metropolitan met at the Show Ground at 12 noon. A good even game resulted in the Black and White running out winners by 3-1. The half-time score being 1-0 in favor of Granville. Immediately after resumption Metrops. equalised, Wright netting. The Metrops. were forced to play with ten men for the most part of the second spell; Ewen, their left winger, came in contact with the big full-back of Granville, and was taken to Sydney Hospital, the chest bone being cracked.

Latest reports indicate his removal again to hospital, after being home for a few days; he is in No. 1 ward, Sydney Hospital. He will appreciate calls from Soccer friends.

Churches journeyed to Ryde to meet the locals, and although showing improved form on their previous matches, were again unsuccessful, Ryde winning by 4-1.

Canterbury took a train journey to Kogarah for the purpose of playing St. George Association. The latter body was also playing a round of competition matches, and the sportsmanship of those selected was apparently gone to the winds, and consequently failed to put in an appearance. It is to be hoped the Association will take steps to deal with these players, as this is certainly a breach of faith with the Association.

After viewing several matches in connection with the Association Cup competition, I have come to the conclusion that the sooner the qualification of a "junior" is set down as under 21 years of age the better for the code.

The idea of playing men who are in some cases old enough to be the father of some of their own team and opponents, is to my mind not for the upliftment or betterment of our code. The Richardson Cup has been limited to players of under 21 years, and this being the "Blue Ribbon" of Junior Soccer, surely it is logical that "junior" football should be limited to this qualification. Perhaps next season will see method in vogue.



Sam Howard, born at Dunscar, near Bolton, Lancashire, has always been a keen follower of Soccer football. Though small in stature, he had pace, and was recognised as a good man on the right wing. In Sydney he gained the jersey for North Sydney, and in Newcastle for the City team. In later years he has held official positions, and last year was elected President of the Northern District British Football Association, but resigned on account of coming to reside in Sydney. To-day he is chairman of the Junior Board of Control (Sydney), and holds a seat on the Metropolitan Soccer Management Committee.

LECTURERS WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—

In last week's "Soccer News" there appears a paragraph under the above heading, in which the Assn. appeals to old players to act as lecturers, and requests them to get into touch with the Hon. Secretary of the M.S.F.A. Well, the Association may have good intentions, but I might be pardoned for suggesting that its members should first turn their attention to the referees, and if lecturers are wanted they should be sent along to the Referees' Association, where they will find plenty of

scope for their energy. Give us competent referees, and the rest is easy; the players will then recognise that there is in charge one who understands the business and is watching every movement, and they will generally fall into proper methods, and ultimately improve the game, both from a player's and spectator's point of view.

Yours, etc.,

W.W.

DON'T PLAY FREAK FOOT-BALL.

By Joe Smith, Captain of Bolton Wanderers.

Quite a number of footballers do not shine so brightly as they might in the winter game because they fail to realise that sound methods are best.

Many players have not fulfilled promises of brilliant careers through being spoilt in their early days by excessive praise.

Praise is heady wine for youthful drinkers, and some of these talented youngsters doubtless came to the conclusion that they could carry a team to success by their own unaided efforts. Such ideas lead to "freak" football—and later on to the obscurity that comes with mediocrity.

More often than not the ultra "clever" player will deceive his own colleagues instead of making rings round his opponents. Thus, if a man continually feints to pass when actually he should part with the ball, he will find, sooner or later, that his partner is anticipating some weird and wonderful piece of foot juggling, and is not in his expected position when the real pass does come.

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